

nursing home beds for seniors and the ill across Maryland. Mrs. Cohen was instrumental in bringing nursing home quality and safety concerns to the attention of authorities. She also volunteered her time at the Levindale Hebrew Geriatric Center and Hospital.

As a volunteer manager at the Baltimore Ronald McDonald House for 10 years, Selma Cohen worked with families who had children in the hospital for serious illnesses. She also volunteered at Mount Washington Pediatric Hospital. Mrs. Cohen is remembered for the tremendous joy and fulfillment she derived from working with children and the way she cared for them as though they were her own.

Despite her long battle with cancer, Mrs. Cohen never lost her cheerful outlook, her sense of humor or her great zest for life. In fact, two days before her death, she was asking how her favorite team, the Baltimore Orioles, was doing.

I know my colleagues join me in paying tribute to Mrs. Cohen's many years of service to our community. Mrs. Cohen was a great mother, a great wife, a great advocate for seniors and children and a great Marylander.●

#### TRIBUTE TO OLYMPIAN JENNY THOMPSON

● Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Jenny Thompson of Dover, NH, for three gold medal performances at the 1996 summer Olympic games in Atlanta. Jenny's outstanding performances in women's swimming relay events are a tremendous achievement. She has made the Granite State very proud of her Olympic success.

Jenny swam the anchor leg in the women's 400 and 800 meter freestyle relays, setting American and Olympic records in both races. In addition, she swam in the qualifying round of the 400-meter medley relay to launch the team to gold in the final. With her three outstanding performances, Jenny proved herself a team player, giving so much of herself to the team's quest for a gold medal. The U.S. swimming team brought home its sixth straight relay gold medal, winning all of the relays that have been contested.

Jenny is a graduate of Dover High School where she swam and ran cross country track. She subsequently attended Stanford University, graduating in 1995, and began working with her current coach in California. In the 1992 Olympic games in Barcelona, Jenny won two gold medals and one silver medal. She has held American and world records in the 100 meter freestyle and an American record in the 100-yard freestyle. She was named the U.S. swimmer of the year after winning five national titles, eight NCAA titles, and six Pan-Pacific titles and is also a 12-time U.S. national champion. In 1995, she won the 100-meter freestyle and 100-meter butterfly at the world championships despite breaking her arm. At

the young age of 23, Jenny now ties skater Bonnie Blair as the American woman with the highest number of Olympic gold medals.

The Olympic games are the crowning achievement of an athlete's career—the best meet the best from around the world. Years of training culminate in just a few weeks of competition in which dreams are fulfilled, records are broken, and champions are made. Jenny is one such champion with her three gold medals and two Olympic records. Dover will welcome their hometown girl as she returns on August 10 with a celebration and, appropriately, the dedication of a swimming pool in her name.

Jenny has proven herself an athlete and a winner. She has the admiration and pride of the New Hampshire seacoast and we are indeed proud of her. It is with pride that I congratulate the women's relay teams and our shining New Hampshire star, Jenny Thompson.●

#### CONGRATULATING MAC VAN HORN

● Mr. BUMPERS. Mr. President, on August 27, 1996, the Industrial Developers of Arkansas will honor Mac Van Horn as their Developer of the Year.

Mac Van Horn has been the backbone of industrial development for the past 25 years in Russellville, AR. Owner of a local construction firm involved in residential and commercial development, Mac began work as a cheerleader for development in the early 1970's. He began to attend seminars, visited Arkansas Industrial Development Commission project managers, and others and learned all the things that were important to industrial recruitment.

He was such a good student of industrial recruitment techniques that two Arkansas Governors placed him on the Arkansas Industrial Development Commission where he served faithfully for 15 years.

In the past 5 years, Mac and others on the Russellville Industrial Contact Team have recruited five new companies to the Arkansas River Valley. Fasco Industries, Inc., Alumax Foils, Inc., Bardcor Corp., CarMar Freezers, and Amarillo Gear Company have all chosen to locate in Russellville.

Mac combines his knowledge of industrial development recruitment and home cooking since he invites prospective company officials into his home when they visit to lure industry to Pope County.

Mac plans to retire soon from these endeavors. His leadership, years of experience and expertise, and his skills as a negotiator will be missed on the Russellville Industrial Contact Team.

This award is most deserved and I want to join in congratulating Mac Van Horn for his tireless service to the community he loves.●

#### TRIBUTE TO ROBERT SILVA FOR RECEIVING NEW HAMPSHIRE'S OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD IN EDUCATION

● Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Robert Silva for receiving New Hampshire's Outstanding Service Award in Education. William has served Concord school children for almost 30 years with pride and dedication, always putting the best interests of the children first. As a former teacher and school board chairman myself, I am proud to congratulate him for receiving this prestigious award.

Robert received his Bachelors and Masters degrees from the University of New Hampshire and has worked in Concord since 1967. He has been a teacher, athletic director, assistant principal, and principal. In addition, he served as the Director of Adult Education at the New Hampshire State Prison for 2 years. Robert is currently Assistant Superintendent in Concord, a position he has held since 1984.

Robert is also very involved in his community, where his record of service to schools and the community is outstanding. He has served on the Concord Recreation Committee, the Christa McAuliffe Fund Committee, and the Community Election Forum Committee. In addition he has served on the Board of Directors of the Concord DARE Association and chaired United Way fundraising for the schools.

Robert's dedication and commitment to service won him this prestigious award. He is also a leader who has shown his devotion to community development. He is a highly respected individual who is trusted and admired by all who know and work with him. His colleagues have always been impressed with his hard work and warm hearted nature. To those who work with him, Robert is also reliable and down to earth.

Our educators have been entrusted with one of our Nation's greatest treasures, our children. They, as the guardians of this treasure, care for and ensure the development of these young minds. Throughout his career in education, Robert has done an excellent job looking out for the welfare of those in his care. His outstanding performance is reflected in the respect and admiration he has earned from his colleagues. New Hampshire is fortunate to have such a talented educator and administrator. I commend Robert Silva for his outstanding career in the field of education.●

#### PUBLIC HOUSING REFORM AND EMPOWERMENT ACT OF 1996

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask that the Chair lay before the Senate a message from the House of Representatives on S. 1260, a bill to reform and consolidate the public and assisted housing programs of the United States, and to redirect primary responsibility